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**TWO MEN PLEAD GUILTY TO EXTORTION CHARGE**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** -- United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Kenneth W. Kaiser, the Special Agent-in-Charge of the Boston Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced that Ofir Reisinger, a resident of North Hollywood, California, and Eran Zuker, a citizen of Israel, have pleaded guilty to conspiring to use extortionate means to collect an extension of credit. Reisinger, age 24, pleaded guilty to the offense on June 4, 2003. Zuker, age 25, who also pleaded guilty to an offense involving his use of a false social security number, pleaded guilty yesterday.

While Reisinger was working for a Florida moving company in January 2003, he placed property belonging to residents of New Hampshire in a public storage facility. While Zuker was working for different moving company in February 2003, he placed property belonging to a resident of Alabama in a separate public storage facility. Both moving companies stopped conducting business in early March 2003, because the owners and some of the employees of the companies were charged with a variety of fraud related criminal offenses in indictments filed in United States District Court in Miami, Florida. Later that month, Zuker and Reisinger -- who were no longer employed by the moving companies -- removed property owned by the New Hampshire residents and the Alabama resident from the storage facilities. The defendants then demanded that the New Hampshire residents pay them \$4,500 in cash as a condition of returning their property to them, and that the Alabama resident pay \$1,500 to them as a condition returning her property to her.

While being interviewed about the offense on March 17, 2003, Zuker falsely claimed to be an American citizen to whom a particular social security number was assigned.

Reisinger and Zuker will be sentenced by United States District Court Judge Paul Barbadoro on September 22, 2003.

After Zuker's court hearing yesterday afternoon, U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "This office, working together with the F.B.I., will aggressively prosecute the serious crime of extortion whenever it occurs. We commend the F.B.I. for its outstanding work on this case." This case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Robert Kinsella.